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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS POLICE SEMINAR

REF: (A) STATE 242649; (B) CARACAS 10978

1. FEDERAL POLICE PLAN ON SUBJECT SEMINAR IS TO INVITE TWO PARTICIPANTS EACH FROM ARGENTINA, BOLIVIA, CHILE, COLOMBIA, ECUADOR, MEXICO, INTERPOL (PARIS) UN (GENEVA), PANAMA, PARAGUAY, PERU, URUGUAY, US, AND VENEZUELA. THE SEMINAR WOULD RUN FOR APPROXIMATELY ONE WEEK. BRAZILIANS FORESEE BOTH PLENARY SESSIONS AND ESTABLISHMENT OF FOUR WORK GROUPS. AFTER ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING AND CEREMONIAL OPENING, EACH DELEGATION WOULD MAKE REPORT. WORK GROUPS WILL REPORT ON LAST DAY OF CONFERENCE. PRESIDENT OF CONFERENCE WOULD CLOSE CONFERENCE WITH STATEMENT OF CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

2. FIGURE OF 40,000 DOLLARS WAS BALL PARK ESTIMATE AT THE TIME OF THE ORIGINAL REQUEST. MORE REFINED FEDERAL POLICE ESTIMATE SHOWS APPROXIMATELY 18,600 DOLLARS FOR AIR TRAVEL. THIS AMOUNT COULD BE FURTHER REDUCED SINCE IT INCLUDES ESTIMATES FOR US, INTERPOL AND UN PARTICIPANTS WHO COULD PRESUMABLY FINANCE THEIR OWN TRAVEL. IT ALSO
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INCLUDES ESTIMATES FOR COSTA RICAN PARTICIPATION

WHICH HAS BEEN DROPPED. DISPARITY WITH US CONTRIBUTION AT BOGOTA IS EXPLAINED BY LARGER NUMBER OF PROPOSED PARTICIPANTS. FEDERAL POLICE PLANS TO HOUSE PARTICIPANTS AT FEDERAL POLICE ACADEMY (SITE OF CONFERENCE) AND HAVE BUDGETED APPROXIMATELY 10,000 DOLLARS FOR PER DIEM AND CONFERENCE EXPENSES.

3. FEDERAL POLICE READILY AGREED TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS, SELECT LATIN AMERICAN PARTICIPANTS AND EXTEND INVITATIONS. THEY ARE TENTATIVELY THINKING IN TERMS OF APRIL, BUT ARE STILL FLEXIBLE ON ALL PHASES OF THE CONFERENCE.

4. WITH REGARD TO REFTEL (B), WE CONSIDER SAIC CONFERENCE FOR BRASILIA INTERESTING IDEA AND FEASIBLE WITHIN CERTAIN LIMITS. CURRENT EMBASSY CONFERENCE ROOMS COULD SEAT 35 PARTICIPANTS COMFORTABLY. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT NEW CHANCERY WILL BE COMPLETED BY APRIL WHICH WOULD PERMIT CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN NEW EMBASSY AUDITORIUM. ALTERNATIVELY, FACILITIES ARE AVAILABLE AT THE BRASILIA USIS RESOURCE CENTER AND WE ARE SURE THAT POLICE WOULD OFFER POLICE ACADEMY FACILITIES IF REQUESTED. DEPARTMENT SHOULD BE AWARE THAT ARRIVAL OF LARGE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS AS WELL AS CONFERENCE WOULD PROBABLY ATTRACT ATTENTION IN THE PUBLIC MEDIA SINCE BRASILIA IS COMPANY TOWN WHERE THE UNUSUAL IS EASILY NOTICED. CRIMMINS

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